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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PBSUCCESS/Air Support

1. On 21 May 1954, I was directed by DD/P to set up a secure source of unwitting pilots and aircrewmembers for C-47 resupply and leaflet missions.

2. In accordance with this directive, I initiated clearance (received by cable at Lincoln on 23 May 1954) on [ ] executive vice president of [ ] Inc. of [ ]

3. I contacted [ ] at his office on 24 May 1954. I explained to [ ] that I represented CIA, and that I desired to ask for his assistance. After [ ] I explained that I was looking for a source of qualified DC-3 (C-47) pilots who would, if hired, be asked to perform hazardous flying in return for excellent pay, and that such flying would be performed in the Caribbean area. [ ] had no difficulty deducing the target.) I further explained to [ ] that it was of paramount importance that prospects for employment be completely unaware of U.S. Government interest, and [ ] stated that he would take every possible precaution in this respect.

4. [ ] produced his company's file of applicants for piloting jobs, and I screened this file with [ ] help. [ ] highly recommended two pilots and agreed to refer them for interview with [ ] who will operate under an alias at a safehouse. [ ] does not know [ ] by true name.) Four additional candidates' names, addresses, phone numbers and experience were extracted from the file for direct approach by [ ].

5. The name of only one suitable aircrewman was immediately available, and [ ] agreed to gather names of other candidates and to expect a call from [ ] (under alias) for the list.

6. In order to preclude the necessity for another trip on my part, [ ] agreed to cooperate fully with [ ] by phone or in person.

7. [ ] secrecy agreement and further PHS data have been delivered by me to [ ] of the Security Office.

cc: Lincoln

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